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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ELAB NS CU  
SUBJ: COMMUNIST LABOR CONTACTS FOR DE MOEDERBOND

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT THE CCL- AND AIFLD-AFFILIATED SURINAM LABOR FEDERATION "DE MOEDERBOND" HAS RECENTLY SHOWN INTEREST IN EXPANDED CONTACTS WITH COMMUNIST LABOR MOVEMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PRESS RECENTLY REPORTED THAT A CUBAN LABOR REPRESENTATIVE, ORETTES IBANEZ, SECRETARY OF THE PERMANENT CONGRESS OF THE UNITED LATIN AMERICAN LABOR UNIONS, WAS REFUSED ENTRY INTO SURINAM BY IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ON MARCH 23 BECAUSE HE HAD NOT RECEIVED REQUIRED PRIOR GOS APPROVAL FOR HIS VISIT. PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN TO DISCUSS WITH DE MOEDERBON PLANS FOR A CONGRESS OF CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN UNIONS TO BE HELD IN CUBA. ACCORDING TO GOS SOURCE WHICH CONFIRMED INCIDENT, IBANEZ DEPARTED ON NEXT PLANE FOR GEORGETOWN, WHERE HE IS BELIEVED TO BE BASED AT PRESENT.

2. ABORTED MEETING WITH DE MOEDERBOND WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN THE FIRST CONTACT BETWEEN IBANEZ AND MOEDERBOND OFFICIALS. A RANKING OFFICIAL OF DE MOEDERBON RECENTLY  
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TRAVELED TO BARBADOS TO ATTEND A LABOR MEETING AND REPORTEDLY MET IBANEZ THERE IN CONNECTION WITH A WFTU INVITATION TO ATTEND A MEETING IN PRAGUE BEGINNING APRIL 16. GOS SOURCE STATES THAT DE MOEDERBOND IS STILL AWAITING A TICKET FOR ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO GO TO THE PRAGUE MEETING, BUT LOCAL PAPER REPORTS THAT MOEDERBOND BOARD MEMBER B. KOHINOR WILL ATTEND.

3. COMMENT: DE MOEDERBOND'S APPARENT EFFORTS TO  
EXPAND ITS CONTACTS WITH COMMUNIST LABOR MOVEMENT IS ALSO  
OF INTEREST IN THE CONTEXT OF REPORTED INVITATION FROM  
SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF SURINAM'S LABOR  
UNIONS (DIVIDED INTO FIVE FEDERATIONS) TO ATTEND MAY DAY  
CELEBRATIONS IN MOSCOW. INVITATION WAS PASSED ON TO LABOR  
LEADERS BY LABOR MINISTER PARMESSAR BUT SO FAR THERE IS NO  
WORD ABOUT ANY REPRESENTATIVE HAVING BEEN DESIGNATED.  
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